Hoover Says Robt. Kennedy OKd Wiretaps

FBI Chief Places Full Responsibility On Ex-Attorney General

Democratic
York.
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ing relative
the letter from
"Mr. Kennedy
of office exhibited
in pursuing such matters, and
while in different metropolitan
areas, not only listened to the
results of microphone surveil-
lance but raised questions rela-
tive to obtaining better equip-
ment."
Las Vegas
Johnson's Alert
In the letter Hoover said:
"President Lyndon B. Johnson
This
that
be
without
of
"This, of course, is the prac-
And it has always been fol-
lowed by the FBI."
The FBI director also sent to
Gross a copy of a letter of May

19, 1961, to Sen. S. Ervin, Jr.,
(D-N.C.), a member of the Sen-
ate Judiciary Committee, which
said that as of Feb. 8, 1960, the F
B.I. maintained 78 wiretaps and
67 electronic listening devices,
the majority in the field of
with a few
information
with respect to organized
crime.
Kennedy Replies
Sen. Kennedy in a statement
issued Tuesday in Washington,
office as "apparently Mr.
Hoover is trying
Attached to the Kennedy
statement was a letter from
Evans saying that Kennedy
was not told of electronic bug
ging because the FBI
and general authority